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Cottage industry products showcased

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Indigenous:Swadeshi products on display at Gandhi Bhavan, Kacheripady,in connection with a Swadeshi festival in Kochi on Monday.—Photo: Vipin Chandran

The 13-day Kochi Swadeshi festival, which began here on Friday, showcases a wide range of products developed by household units.

From bathing soap to natural cleaning lotion, washing soap, detergent powder, hand wash and car wash, a series of home-made products are on display at the exhibition. Several healthcare products developed using traditional knowledge are also available at the exhibition that got under way at the Gandhi Bhavan, Kacheripady. The exhibition is being jointly organised by the Gandhi Centre for Rural Development, Kerala Gandhi Smakaraka Nidhi, Gandhi Vichara Kendra, Poornodaya Book Trust and Ernakulam Gandhi Bhavan.

Training programme

Training programmes on development of traditional products are also being organised in this relation.

K.S. Radhakrishnan, chairman of the Kerala Public Service Commission, will inaugurate the seminar on swadeshi and sustainable development on October 24 at 2 p.m. P.T. Thomas, MP, will inaugurate the seminar on Swadeshi-an alternative to globalisation on October 27 at 2 p.m. V.D. Satheesan, MLA, will speak on swadeshi movement in Kerala on October 29 at 4 p.m. Kochi Mayor Tony Chammany will speak at the valedictory session at the second stage of anti-plastic campaign at 4 p.m.